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RECENT SINO-SOVIET PROPAGANDA

- I. Khrushchev's interview with a panel of Americans, which appeared on CBS television in this country on 2 June, was given the full treatment by Soviet propaganda.
 - A. As usual in cases of this kind Moscow attempted to show a contrast between the favorable reception of Khrushchev's remarks among "right-thinking," "peace-loving" people everywhere and the cool response of "capitalist ruling circles."
 - B. Soviet newsreel version of interview, now being shown in Moscow, reported by two of participants to have been "doctored" in way to change emphasis in places and to show Americans agreeing with Khrushchev replies.
 - C. Pravda also published edited transcript in which Khrushchev's denial that contradictions between leaders and led existed in USSR as in China was deleted. This evidently tricky point on which Soviet line not yet clear.
- II. Text Mao's 27 February speech, on which various accounts had emanated from Warsaw in foregoing days, published by Peiping on 18 June and, without alteration, by Pravda on following day.
 - A. Peiping version carried notation that Mao had edited text and "made certain additions." Also possible deletions made in interests maintaining intra-Bloc harmony and muffling points of difference between Moscow and Peiping. *23*

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"Contradictions" between leaders and people--stressed in pre-publication Polish accounts--not emphasized.

- B. Moscow has not commented on speech and its real feelings about it remain veiled for the moment. It should, however, find some satisfaction in Mao's reaffirmation that Hungarian revolt inspired by "counterrevolutionaries."

III. Chou En-lai, in major policy address to National People's Congress on 26 June, had high praise for Soviet help to Peiping.

- A. Chinese premier called Peiping's economic achievements "inseparable" from Russian help and "expert guidance."
- B. He pledged that Chinese would continue to "learn seriously" from USSR and all Socialist countries.
- C. At the same time Chou noted that the Chinese had been able to avoid "many errors and failures" by study of Soviet experience. This statement balanced, however, by assertion that repudiation of Marxism and Russian experience by "revisionists" must be refuted.

IV. General Bloc line on UN Hungary Report is to condemn it as attempt to draw attention away from necessity for arms agreement.

- A. Russian people got only hint of report in brief Pravda reference 22 June.
- B. However, VOA, RFE and BBC broadcasts of text got through to Hungary.